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THE WINTER SNOWS FLY EARLY!
THE BUFFALO HERDS ARE MOVING
FAST! IF WE LOSE THE MEAT OF
THIS HUNT-OUR PEOPLE WILL
STARVE IN THE TIME OF THE
FALLING SNOW!!













































































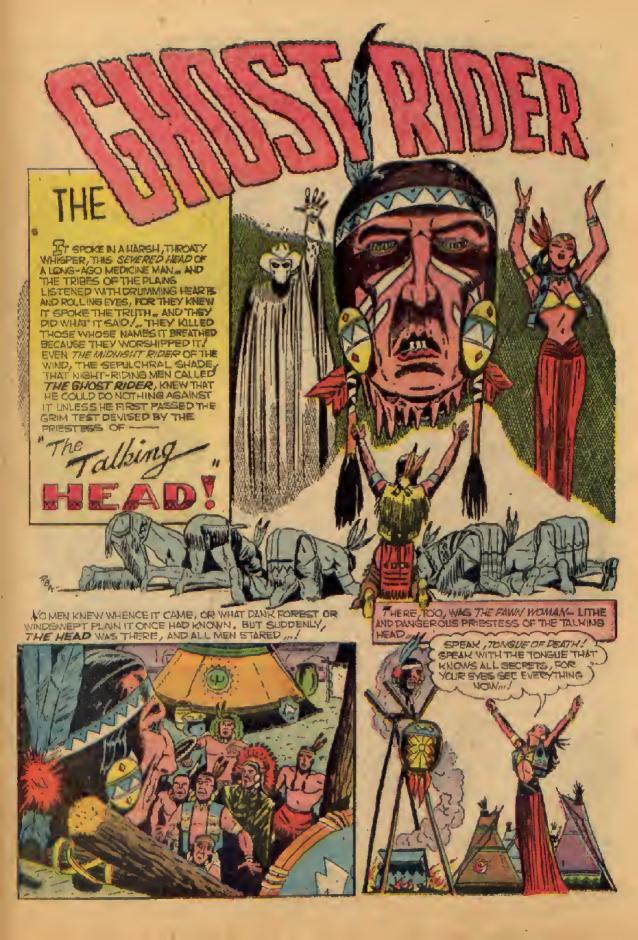
















THE PLAINS INDIAN IS A SUPERSTITIOUS MAN. BUT TRICKERY ONLY MAKES HIM ANGRY. MUTTERING, THEY DRAW AWAY FROM THEHEAD...



NEXT DAY THE
FLITURE COMES
TO PASS...

THOUGH I RIDE THIS
TRAIL TO HUNT EVERY
DAY, NEVER HAVE I SEEN
SUCH A SIGN
CANYON

CANYON

I WILL CLOSE THE ONLY WAY IN OR OUT OF THE CANYON WITH THORNY BRUSH AND CACTUS! THEN I WILL TAME THOSE PONIES AND MAKE THEM MINE!



HAI! I WILL BE
THE RICHEST MAN
IN ALL THE TRIBE,
WITH SUCH A HERDEVEN AS THE
TALKING HEAD
FORETOLD!



THE TALKING HEAD SEES THE FUTURE! AI, FOR EVEN THEN, LONE POB LIES PEAD ON THE SAGE FLATS, WITH A BLACK FOOT ARROW IN HIS SACK ....!





I SHALL TRAIL THE LATEST OF THESE RAIDERS TO THEIR TEPESS! THERE AMONG THEM, WRAPPED IN MY BLACK CLOTH CLOAK, I SHALL BE INVISIBLE!



THE GLOST RIDER LEARNS MUCH FOR CHEYENNE TONGUES ARE NOT GUARDED IN THE PRIVACY OF THEIR OWN VILLAGES.









SHUDDERING IN FEAR, THE CHEVENNE WARRIOR PROPS TO HIS KNEES, BASBUNG ALL UE KNOWS ##

IT & SO! THE TALKING HEAD TELLS US WHAT TO DO! WE DO IT, AND PAY IT A FORTION OF WHAT WE STEAL! OTHERWISE, THE HEAD WOULD CURSE US, AND WE









FATE PLANS A STRANGE TRICK! AS FAWN WOMAN LEAPS UP NITERROR, HER FOOT TRIPS ON THE EARTHEN FLOOR AND



I FELL ... AND MY HAND CAUGHT IN SOMETHING ...
AND RIPPED THIS FROM IT ! BUT THIS IS A BIT
OF BLACK CLOTH - AND GHOSTS DO NOT
WEAR CLOTHES ...!



FAWN WOMAN LEAFS ERROT, SHE SNATCHES OUT HER KNIFE, AND SHOUTS IN TRIUMPH. BUT ONLY THE ECHOES ANSWER HER ...



NEXT NIGHT, AS THE YAKAN TAMA THRONG HIS BLANKET OF BLACKNESS ACROSS THE PRAIRIES, THE PAWN WOMAN SUMMONS THE CHIEF OF ALL THE TRIBES,...



AIFEEF! UNLESS HE CAN
PROVE HE IS A GHOST—
BY WALKING ON THAT BED
OF ASHES AND LEAVING NO
FOOTPRINT! WE KNOW
HIM FOR A MAN—AND A
MAN CAN DIE IN THE
TORTURE FIRES ...!





THIS IS BAD! FROM
HENCEPORTH, MY
TRICKS WILL NEVER
WORK — UNLESS I
APPEAR AND MEET
FAWN WOMAN'S CHALLANGE!
BUT — HOW CAN I WALK
OVER ASHES WITHOUT
LEAVING FOOTPRINTS P





AND THEN, FROM THE DARWNESS, THE GHOST RICER MOVES — SO SWIFTLY THAT NONE SEE HM, FOR THEY WATCH THE FAWN WOMAN





IN STUNNED AMAZEMENT, THE ASSEMBLED CHEPS GAPE AS THE FEET MOVE, LEAVING NOTRACE OF THEIR PROGRESS OVER THE SOFT, THIN LAYER OF ASHES!













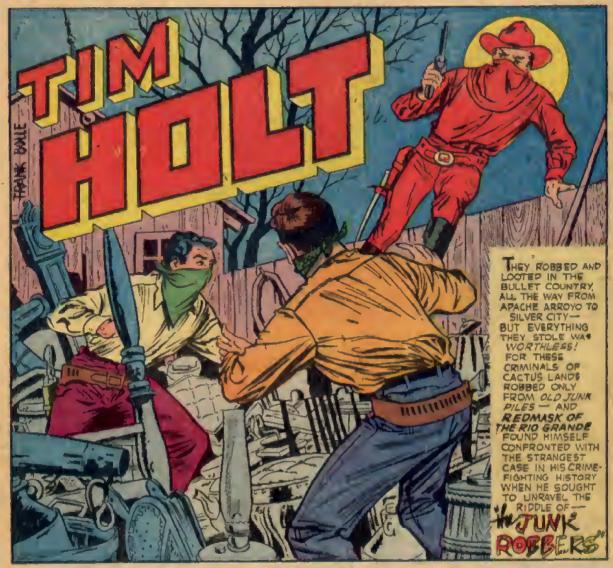
BACK TO YOUR TEPFES, RED BROTHERS!
FAWN WOMAN SHALL BE FUNSHED — BUT.
IN THE WHITE MAN'S JAIL! LEAVE HER
TO MY JUSTICE! IT SHALL BE FIRM,
RUT FAIR!



AFTER THE INDIANS HAVE RIDDEN
OFF, TO BRING INTHEIR STOLEN
LOOT AND TURN IT OVER TO THE
AUTHORITIES



TREMOVED THE SOLES
OF MY BOOTS, LEAVING
THOSE LONG HOBMAILS.
I WALKED ON THEM.
THEY LOOKED FOR
A BOOTPRINT - AND
NEVER SAW THE VRRY
TINY HOLES THAT THE
NALS LEFT IN THE
ASHES....



THE JUNK-ROBBERS RODE INTO THE JUNK YARDS WITH GUNS BLAZING ...





WITH PRENZIED ACTIVITY, THE ROBBERS PILE HIGH THEIR IVAGON -



THEN THEY ARE GONE IN A



AT DAYBREAK, A BANDAGED WATCHMAN TELLS HIS STORY TO S-ERIFF GASF AND DEPUTY SHERIFF TIM HOLT...







AN HOUR LATER, IN THE OFFICES OF THE BULLET BANKER TO



"ROBN LA SORDA WAS MASKED KILLER" SOME VEARS BACK. HE WAS ONE OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS HIGHWAYNAN OF THE



LEGEND OF HIS FABULOUS LOCT GREW AND GREW...



SOMEWHERE IN THE DESERT COUNTRY HE HAS HIDDEN THAT LOOT, UNTOUCHED. NO MAN KNOWS WHERE -



WHEN THEY HUNG HIM, HE DIED WITH A QUIP ON HIS LIPS!

YOU ARE HANGING THE RICHEST MAN IN THE SOUTHWEST, GENTLEMEN!



THE WHOLE STORY IS HERE
IN THESE OLD NEWSPAPERS!
SOMEHOW, THOSE JUNK-ROBBERS
HAVE STUMBLED ON IT, TOO.
PERHAPS ROBIN LA SORDA HID
A MAP OF WHERE HIS LOOT
IS BURIED IN SOME OLD
FURNITURE—AND THAT'S WHAT



SOME HOURS LATER, IN THE COURT-

COME TO ASK A FAVOR,
DONNA LA SCROA! I COME
AS THE LAW, SEEKING TO
APPREHEND CRIMINALS..!



SOME NIGHTS LATER, TIM HOLT DISAPPEARS, IN HIS PLACE, THE CRIMSON CAVALIER OF THE RIOGRANDE. STANDS GRIM AND READY...







SOMEWHAT LATER, AS THE JUNK-ROBBERS RACE WEST TOWARD RED BUTTES



WHAT THE - WHY THAT'S
REDMASK BACK THERE,
TRAILING US...!







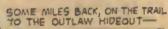
'UNDER THE CASCADING WATERS OF INDIAN FALLS, SOMEWHAT LATER, THE REST OF THE JUNK-ROBBERS ENTER THEIR HIDEOUT...













TWO RIFLE-BARRELS LIFT... THE FIGURE OF REDMASK IS TRAINED IN BOTH SIGHTS AS TRIGGER-FINGERS SLOWLY SQUEEZE...





HOURS AFTER, AS DAWN TINTS THE SKY A BRIGHT ORANGE ON THE FLATS OF THE OLD STAGE STATON...





CAUTION FORGOTTEN IN THEIR GREED, THE OUTLAWS CROWD AROUND THE TREASURES REVEALED BY THE MORNING SUN ...



LATER, AT THE OUTLAND CAVE -



A HARD VOICE CATCHES THEM COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE THEIR HARDS FILLED WITH JEWELS AND MONEY—INSTEAD OF WEAPONS!









DYNAMITE IS PANGEROUS STUFF ..



... IF YOU PON'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE IT!

















MANY MONTHS LATER ... DURANGO, RETURNING FROM A SUCCESSFUL MANHUNT, PASSES BY THE ABANDONED RALKOAD TUNNEL ...































DURANGO! YOU STARTLED ME! NOT YET, CARRIE... I'VE JUST BEEN DOWN THE ROAD LOOKING AT THE PERAILED ENGINE ... -OH, DURANGO ... I'VE HAD TO CALL IT QUITS!





LET'S TRY TO THINK THIS

SENSE. WHY, THEN, WOULD SOMEBODY CAVE IN THE ENTRANCE TO THE TUNNELS NOW, EVEN HE CAN'T GET AT WHATEVER'S IN THERE - IF ANYTHING!





















A SUDDEN KNEE THRUST!



BUT - THE BULLET SHOOTS













GODDARD, INSANE WITH GREED, THROWS THE DYNAMITE! BUT. & DURANGO CATCHES IT, AND ...!







WE'RE SAFE, ALL RIGHT.
THAT HOMBRE'S
DEAD! BURIED UNDER
TONS OF ROCK JUST
LIKE THE MAN HE KILLED!

BUT WHAT ABOUT US? HOW WILL WE EVER SET OUT OF HERE?











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